2003 Aquatic Reserve Technical Advisory Committee

Aquatic Reserve Technical Advisory Committee for 2003: (L-R) Russel Barsh (Cypress Island tour leader, not on committee), Brett Dumbauld, Robert Fimbel, Ralph Rogers, Stephen Norton, Jennifer Hoffman, and Aimee Kinney.

The Technical Advisory Committee visited each site in July and will be meeting in August to provide final recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Lands for each of the six sites being evaluated in 2003.

The following expertise was selected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources for the Aquatic Reserves technical advisory committee:

- Brett Dumbauld- Fisheries Research Biologist – Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Steve Norton - Fisheries Scientist – Professor at University of Puget Sound

- Robert Fimbel - Restoration Ecology – Chief Resource Steward – Washington Parks and Recreation Commission

- Jennifer Hoffman - Zoologist – Environmental Science Consultant and Lecturer in Environmental Sciences, University of Washington, Tacoma

- Amy Kinee - Army Corp of Engineers, Seattle, Environmental coordinator for civil works projects

- Ralph Rogers - Wetland Ecologist – Region 10 Federal Environmental Protection Agency

Role

The technical advisory committee will evaluate sites using information gathered from reserve proposals, public meetings, and field evaluations. The evaluation process will include visits to each existing site. This information will help determine whether the sites that were designated in 2000 should remain Aquatic Reserves. The committee's recommendations and supporting materials will be given to the Commissioner of Public Lands, who will make the final decision on Aquatic Reserve status. For those sites designated as Aquatic Reserves, DNR anticipates developing management plans - in partnership with the public, tribes and other agencies - during the Fall 2003.

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